

REMARKS

Claims 16 and 21-27 are pending. Claims 15 and 22 have been canceled by the foregoing amendment.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment in response to the office communication mailed July 9, 2009 for the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendment does not add new matter to the present application.

The amendments to the claims made herein were place claims 18 and 27 into independent form. These claims were indicated as being allowable by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. The remaining dependent claims have been made dependent on claim 18 and are allowable at least based on their dependency on an allowed base claim.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3828 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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